WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Schemes for destitute children

202. PROF. MM. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of welfare schemes and programmes formulated and being implemented in various States of the country for the welfare of destitute children; and

(b) the details of funds spent on implementation of these schemes by Government during the last three years, State-wise, scheme-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The following schemes are being implemented:

(i) An Integrated Programme for Street Children: Under the Scheme, several projects across the country are being assisted for the welfare of children without homes and family ties. These projects provide facilities like shelter, nutrition, safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene, health care, recreation, etc. to the children who are without homes and family ties. In addition, children service, which is a 24-hour toll free emergency phone outreach service for children in distress is also supported under this Scheme.

(ii) A programme for Juvenile Justice: A Programme for Juvenile Justice is a centrally sponsored scheme under which financial assistance is provided to the State Governments/UT Administrations for establishing and maintaining homes for children in need of care and protection and juveniles in conflict with law.

(iii) Scheme of Assistance to Homes for Children to promote In-country Adoption: Under this scheme, financial assistance is provided both to the State Government and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) for providing institutional care and rehabilitation through in-country adoption of abandoned or orphaned/destitute children up to 6 years.

The details of the funds spent on impiementation of these schemes by this Ministry during the last three years, State-wise, scheme-wise and year-wise are available on the Ministry's *website-www.socialjustice.nic.in.*

Improvement of education

*207. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govemment propose to improve the standard of education through various schemes at affordable fees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to exorbitant fees being charged by private institutions/schools in Delhi; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to formulate guidelines to regulate the fee structure of private institutions/schools in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Improvement of educational standards is a continuous process. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Teacher Education, Information and Communication Technology in Schools and Navodaya Vidyalayas are the major schemes being implemented, among others, for qualitative improvement of school education, Besides, the National Curriculum Framework for School Education has been revised in 2005 with improvement of quality as the main focus. University Grants Commission and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) look after the aspects of standard and quality in higher and technical education, respectively.

(c) and (d)As per the Delhi School Education Act, 1973, the manager of every recognized school shall, before the commencement of each academic session, file with the Director a full statement of the fee to be levied by such school during the ensuing academic session, and except with the prior approval of the Director, no such school shall charge, during the academic session, any fee in excess of the fee specified by its manager in the said statement.